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Joint statement of the fourth special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee with international, regional and subregional organizations, held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, in January 2005

I would be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andrey I. **Denisov**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Annex

Joint statement issued on 27 January 2005 of the fourth special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee with international, regional and subregional organizations in Almaty, Kazakhstan

The participating representatives of the international, regional and subregional organizations and bodies, as well as bodies of the United Nations system, at the fourth special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee with international, regional and subregional organizations, on 26 and 27 January 2005,

Expressing appreciation to the Commonwealth of Independent States for acting as co-host for this meeting and to the Government of Kazakhstan for the facilities it has provided,

Noting with great concern the acts of terrorism committed since the last special meeting in Vienna on 11 and 12 March 2004,

Reaffirming the imperative to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Noting with appreciation the many anti-terrorism action plans adopted by the various international, regional and subregional organizations and bodies, as well as bodies of the United Nations system, in the global effort to combat international terrorism,

Bearing in mind the obligations of all Member States of the United Nations to implement fully Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant Security Council resolutions,

Acknowledging the central role of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, including its Executive Directorate, which was established by Security Council resolution 1535 (2004), in the global effort to combat terrorism,

Emphasizing that becoming a party to and implementing the twelve anti-terrorism international conventions and protocols, whether or not a State is a party to regional conventions related to terrorism, would enhance the global effort to combat terrorism, increase each party's capacity to combat terrorism and amplify the dialogue among States, thus contributing to the international cooperation that is so necessary to effective counter-terrorism,

Noting also that universal adherence to and full implementation of multilateral treaties aimed at preventing the proliferation of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons complement international anti-terrorist efforts,

Reiterating the commitments undertaken in the declaration adopted on 12 March 2004 at the last special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee with international, regional and subregional organizations, held in Vienna,

Agree as follows:

1. Anti-terrorism action plans should include programmes for encouraging States to become parties to, and implement in their domestic laws, the twelve international conventions and protocols on the prevention and suppression of

terrorism, in compliance with international law, in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law;

2. Anti-terrorism action plans should include, when appropriate and within the respective mandates and competences of the relevant organizations, the conduct of full assessments of those Member States for which those action plans are designed, and such assessments should be undertaken in close coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee, including its Executive Directorate in order to ensure completeness and usefulness and to avoid duplication of effort;

3. International, regional and subregional organizations and bodies, as well as bodies of the United Nations system, will explore ways to enter into special cooperation arrangements with the Executive Directorate in particular in order to implement the commitments undertaken in the declaration adopted in Vienna on 12 March 2004, especially with respect to closer coordination and the exchange of information.